



Sunshine. One little head, Two loving blue eyes, Shining so brightly, And blue as the skies.

From the Oglethorpe (N. Y.) Advance. NELLIE. BY LULIE CROCKER. One cold day in December, very near Christmas, as I was walking along one of the business streets of New York,

"Yes, mamma," said Nellie, as she went to the bed. "Oh, mamma! the kind gentleman has come. I rose and went to the bedside. "How kind of you to come, sir," Mrs. Detempe said.

"How good of you," was all the invalid could say, and she sank back exhausted. We soon had a fire in the little stove, and I made some good strong tea, then gave her something to eat, and told Nellie to help herself, which she did without a second invitation.

"I did all I could that night; then returned home, and told Sarah how I had succeeded. We talked about them for a good while. I, with a man's heedlessness, wanted to bring them at once to my house; but Sarah said, "No," but to find first if they were worthy, then move them to a good clean room in some respectable tenement house.

"Don't say so, mamma. I can't let you go; please don't!" "Nellie," her mother said, gently, "it is best for me to go; think how much better it is for me to go now than was a week ago. Now you have a kind earthly friend besides a heavenly one; then you have only God. See how kind he was to give you another friend."

that little girl and her blind father, you know." "O, so I was; but I am writing; just wait a little minute until I close." I must go with her, I suppose. Another charity; she is ever doing something charitable. Bless her heart, she is as good as she can well be.

The Secretary of the U. S. Navy sent the following letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, which has been referred to the Committee on Appropriations: "Under the circumstances of the present emergency I am compelled to ask that a special appropriation be made to cover the expenses of putting the iron-clad and cruise navy of the United States on the water."

"How is she, Doctor?" "How is she, Doctor?"

The Captain of the Loch Earn. The Captain of the Loch Earn makes the following statement of the circumstances attending the collision with the steamer Ville du Havre: "After first sighting the steamer, and seeing that she was coming dangerously near, the Captain of the Loch Earn rang the ship's bell, and ported his helm."

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